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14 October 1947

TO : Chief, Foreign Branch "I"
FROM : Chief of Station, Heidelberg, Germany
SUBJECT : General : CAMISADE-WEBB Project
Specific: Mr. "WEBB" Materializes

NOTE: This report is one of a series concerned with the proposed clandestine meetings between a U.S. officer or civilian and a Russian officer or civilian. The last report in this series was BSC/Ops/171, which dealt with the background and recruitment of a U.S. civilian to play the role of "Mr. WEBB".

1. WEBB, driving the undersigned's automobile, with new license plates, met CAMISADE at 1100 hours, Tuesday, 14 October 1947, in front of the Marmor Haus Theater on Kurfürstendamm (British Sector). This meeting was scheduled with CAMISADE in sufficient time that he could inform his Russian case officer of it. Despite the advance warning, no evidence of Russian surveillance of the meeting was discerned.

Field Comment: Lack of evidence is not in this case conclusive, since the location affords excellent cover for surveillance.

2. WEBB drove about three blocks off Kurfürstendamm, stopped, and he and CAMISADE talked together for about thirty minutes. They discussed CAMISADE's background, his notional acquaintance with Capt THOMPSON and Mr. WEBB, and the notional Capt "NIKOLAS" (whose name the Russians have told CAMISADE to change to "ALEXANDER"). CAMISADE asked WEBB a few somewhat searching questions: "You are from CIC, I suppose, aren't you?" "Of course, I presume you're an officer?" He asked WEBB, as well, to ask him some questions or give him some EEI's which he could report to his Russian case officer. WEBB very properly told him that that was the province of the undersigned, CAMISADE's regular case officer, and that he and CAMISADE were to discuss only general background matters befitting the notional background of Mr. WEBB.

Field Comment: He and CAMISADE had both been briefed by the undersigned to discuss only the fictional background of the WEBB case and the fictional EEI's asked for and supplied to WEBB. This measure was taken in order to obviate later confusion in WEBB's mind which would arise from knowing both the notional and actual aspects of the operation. It is believed that if he has knowledge only of the role which he is purportedly playing, he is less apt to divulge unwittingly to his future Russian contact any sensitive operational details.

3. At the end of the interview WEBB drove CAMISADE to Hohenzollern-Bahnhof. WEBB was debriefed on the meeting by the undersigned at 1430 hours, 14 October.

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Field Comment: CAMISADF asked WEBB to convey a message to the undersigned requesting him to meet him for a special interview at 2115 hours the same day. This request was complied with, and it was found that CAMISADF wanted to report on his meeting with a Russian officer apparently slotted for the role of "ALEXANDER" (cf BSC/Ops/173), get advice on his meeting with his Russian case officer on the following day, and report his impressions of WEBB. He was, it appeared, favorably impressed with WEBB. His German he thought academic but excellent, he considered him very intelligent, and believed him to fit quite well the part of Mr. WEBB.

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